

**City of Somerville
Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes Final
February 28, 2007**

I. Administrative Matters

Meeting opened at City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference room , at 7:12 pm.

Present were: Conservation Commission (CC) members Elizabeth Pyle, Lisa Brukilacchio, John Reinhardt. Delia Kaye, Mathias Neuber. Not Present: Cassandra Koutalidis and Michael Fager.

Additional attendees: Stephen Winslow, Conservation Agent to the Commission.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of November 29, 2006 approved on motion of L. Brukilacchio, 2nd by D. Kaye.

Minutes of February 15, 2007 approved on motion of L. Brukilacchio, 2nd by D. Kaye.

II. Membership

Mathias Neuber has been sworn in as a member of the Commission.

III. Finance

Mr. Winslow proposed to use professional services funds to pay a portion of the cost to hire a Licenses Site Professional to oversee the removal of soil at Durrell Garden. After discussion the Commissioners declined to act on the proposal.

IV. Wetland Hearings

A. none

V. Old Business

- a. *Allen Street / Durrell Garden*: Modifications requested by the Commission will be made in the Construction Plans for Durrell Garden pursuant to a Change Order that will be attached to the final contract.
- b. *Shore Drive Matter*: the Commission asked that a letter be drafted to Department of Conservation and Recreation requesting permission to plant native species on April 28th as part of the annual Somerville Clean-up Day.
- c. *Upcoming Projects*:
 - i. Conwell Capen: Mr. Winslow reported that a Notice of Intent should be received for review at the March meeting;
 - ii. Assembly Square: no firm date for a hearing on the next phase;
 - iii. Mystic Valley Parkway Bridge: no confirmed date for NOI filing.
- d. RFP for Peer Review Services: Mr. Winslow has contacted Green International regarding peer review services.
- e. Shore Drive Dock: DCR staff tried to remove it by hand during December without any success. They will try in the spring when the weather warms up.
- f. GIS Software: no report, waiting until free cash determined.
- g. Purchases: No Dog Signs have not been purchased but will be priced for next meeting.

VI. New Business

- a. Millers River: Mr. Winslow sent a comment letter to US EPA on the need to do a study and field investigation on the existing system.
- b. Eastern Mystic Watershed Alliance: Mr. Winslow discussed the current status of the Alliance. EMWA still working to establish its distinct purpose. Mr. Winslow will circulate its organizing principles.

VII. Communications
None

VII. Other Updates
None

Motion to adjourn by seconded by D. Kaye. Approved.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Winslow, SPCD

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